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In re Application of:)	
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Serial No. NOT YET ASSIGNED)	Examiner: Joseph Weiss
Filing Date: August 15, 2001)	Group Art Unit No.: 3761
Entitled: UNILIMB RESPIRATORY CONDUIT AND COMPONENTS)	
A Division Of:)	
Serial No. 09/322,795)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. With the exception of U.S. Patent 4,596,246, copies of the listed documents have been previously submitted in parent application Serial No. 09/322,795, and therefore are not submitted again in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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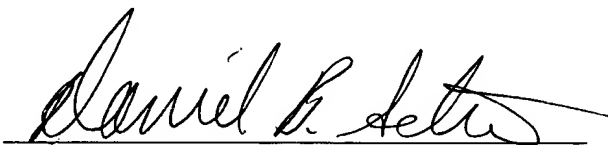
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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